

~THE STRONGEST BRIDE ON EARTH~

SUMOMOMO, MOMOMO

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SHINOBU OHTAKA





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The strongest hilda on earth.

Sumomomo Momomo.11
Shinobu Ohtaka

地上最強のヨメ



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IROHA-
DONO...
YOU ARE
A RADIANT
SIGHT TO
BEHOLD.



SO TODAY IS
A SIGN OF MY
APPRECI-
ATION...

AND
THE WHOLE
REASON I
WAS ABLE
TO STRIVE
FOR THIS
DREAM
WAS YOUR
INSPIRA-
TION!



WHAT?
YOU
TOLD?



YES,
INDEED!



I MUST
FOLLOW YOUR
OUTSTANDING
EXAMPLE...
AS A FELLOW
FEMALE
MARTIAL
ARTIST!

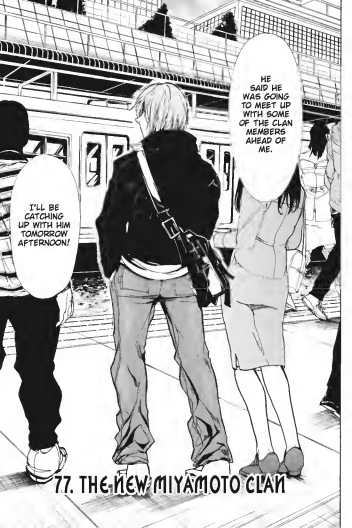
SUCH
DEVOTION
AND
ENTHUSIASM
FOR YOUR
CLAN!



OH,
HANZOU?
HE LEFT A
NOTE FOR
ME LAST
NIGHT...

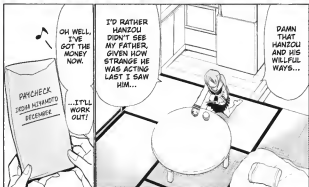
SAY,
WHERE IS
HANZOU-
DONO?



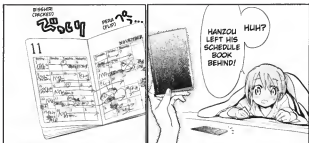


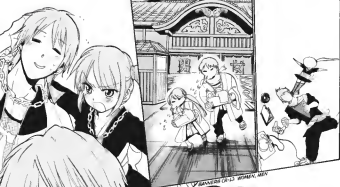
I'LL BE
CATCHING
UP WITH HIM
TOMORROW
AFTERNOON!

HE
SAID HE
WAS GOING
TO MEET UP
WITH SOME
OF THE CLAN
MEMBERS
AHEAD OF
ME.









I'VE
PUT HIM
THROUGH
A LOT OF
GRIEF AND
AGONY...

I
WANT
TO MAKE
THINGS
RIGHT
FOR
HIM.

...AND I'M
GOING TO
MAKE IT UP
TO HIM.

MAYBE
THIS....

OLD
CLOCK

OLD

...WILL
PUT A
SMILE
ON HIS
FACE!

AND
DONE!

THE
NEXT
DAY

TIME TO
MAKE OUR
DREAMS
COME
TRUE!













WHAT
DOES
THAT
MEAN!?

WE CAN
RETAKE
THE LAND,
BUT NOT
REVIVE
THE
CLAN?

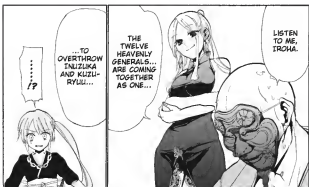


.....
.....

ANSWER
ME,
FATHER
!!!











DID YOU
REALLY THINK
I'D SUBMIT
TO SUCH
INSANITY?

CAST ASIDE
MY FAMILY AND
TAKE UP ARMS
AGAINST MY
FRIENDS?

**I
R
O
H
A!!**



WE'VE NEVER
BEEN RICH
IN ALLIES OR
COMPANIONS.



THERE
IS NO
USE
RE-
SIST-
ING!

THE
NUM-
BERS
ARE
CLEAR!

NINE OF THE
TWELVE CLANS
ARE ALREADY
COMMITTED TO
THE PLAN!



IT'S TO
MY BELIEFS
AND MY
RELATION-
SHIPS THAT
I MUST BE
FAITHFUL
NOW!

BUT WE STILL
GOT BY. AND IF WE
KEEP IT UP, WE'LL
CONTINUE TO
SURVIVE THIS
WAY IN THE
FUTURE!



FOR THE
SAKE OF
THOSE I
COULD NOT
PROTECT...

FA-
THER...

I WILL
NOT BE
SWAYED.



THE
CROSSING
IS
CLOSED
FOR
NOW

...I CANNOT
ABANDON
THE
FUTURE OF
THE CLAN,
UNDER
ANY CIR-
CUMSTAN-
CES!!

...AND THE
SAKE OF
THOSE
WHO RE-
MAINED...



WHO
COULD
THAT
MEAN
...?

THOSE
WHO RE-
MAINED

OHMY?

WHAT
DO
YOU
THINK
?









SO...YOU
HAD FUN
STRIVING
FOR YOUR
DREAM...?



REVIVE
YOUR
CLAN?

"LITTLE
MISS
IROHA."

...SO THAT
YOU COULD
JUST
BARELY
MAKE IT
IF YOU
TRIED.

I MADE
SURE
THINGS
WERE
EASY
ENOUGH...



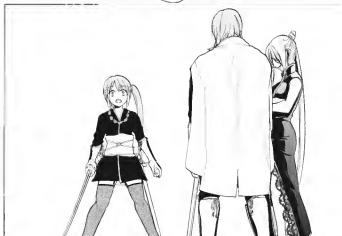
THAT'S
WHY
THEY ALL
LEFT,
ISN'T
IT?

YOU DON'T
HAVE THE
POWER.

....



JUST...
GIVE
UP.



HAN...
ZOU...?

.....
.....



STOP
LISTENING
TO THAT
BITCH!!
STOP
BEING HER
SLAVE!!

YES IT
WILL!!
WHAT
MAKES
YOU SO
SURE?

YOU CAN'T
ACTUALLY...
BRING IT
ALL BACK...

IT'S NOT
GOING TO
WORK...
NEE-SAN...

.....
.....



THEN
COULD
YOU BEAT
TENTEN-
SAN?



NEE-
SAN,
NEE-
SAN!



AND THAT
MEANS...

...THAT I
DARE NOT
BETRAY
HIS
HOPES
AND
DREAMS.

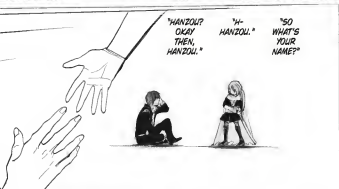


"YOU'RE
SUCH AN
IDIOT."

"...TEN
YEARS...
EVEN
TWENTY
YEARS
FROM
NOW!"

"I WON'T
EVER LEAVE
YOU. I'LL
STILL BE
AT YOUR
SIDE..."





"HANZOU?
OKAY
THEN,
HANZOU."

"H-
HANZOU."

"SO
WHAT'S
YOUR
NAME?"



...WAS A
CONSTANT
REASSUR-
ANCE.
YOU
HAVE MY
GREATEST
APPRECI-
ATION.

YOUR
PRESENCE
AT MY SIDE
THROUGH
THICK AND
THIN...

29 FREE
TIME WITH
FOREVER NEE-SAN!
AND EVER!

30 WORK
17:00

THANK
YOU.



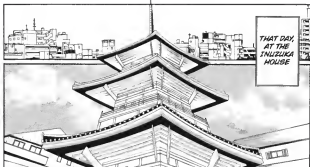
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78. KOUZAN, KING OF THE JUNGLE





THAT DAY,
AT THE
INUZUKA
HOUSE



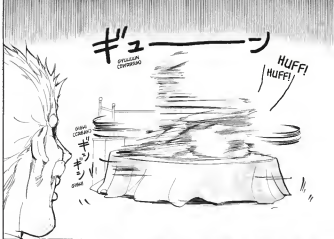
WELL....
HERE I
AM...



I WONDER
HOW
MONOKO
AND KOUSHI
ARE
GETTING
ALONG?



.....
.....



WHAT IS
THIS WEAK
"SMACK-
SMACK"
SHIT?? IS
THAT WHAT
YOU THINK
I WANT!??

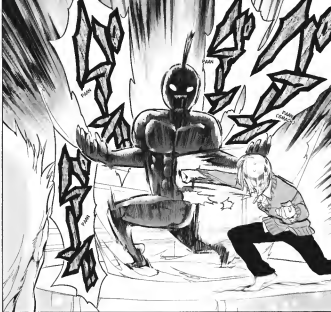
PUT SOME
FORCE
BEHIND
IT!!!

HARD-
ER!!

THIS IS
NOTHING!!
I CAN BARELY
FEEL IT!! GIVE
IT TO ME
LIKE YOU'RE
TRYING TO RIP
MY STOMACH
OPEN!!!!

ALL
RIGHT,
THAT'S
ENOUGH!!

OFF





BEH: AFOEDS CPBALK AFOEDS AFOEDS AFOEDS





THE
BOY'S GOT A
CONFIDENCE IN
HIS EYES THAT
YOU RARELY
SEE IN ONE
HIS AGE.

**A SIGN
THAT HE'S
HAD AMPLE
TRAINING...**



WELL,
YOU SEE.

**BUT
WHERE IS
ROBERT?**











**...EVEN
THROUGH
ALL OF THAT,
HE IS STILL
MY SOURCE
OF ENDLESS
STRENGTH.**

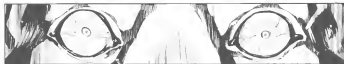












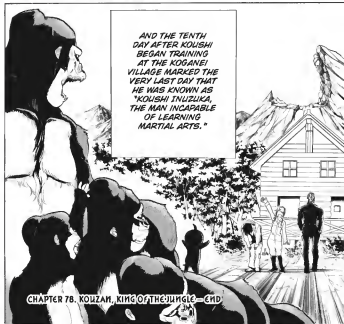








OKAY.



AND THE TENTH
DAY AFTER KOUISHI
BEGAN TRAINING
AT THE KOGANEI
VILLAGE MARKED THE
VERY LAST DAY THAT
HE WAS KNOWN AS
"KOUISHI INUZUKA,
THE MAN INCAPABLE
OF LEARNING
MARTIAL ARTS."



**YOU MUST
INVESTIGATE.**

**SOMETHING
IS AMISS WITHIN
THE RANKS OF
THE TWELVE
HEAVENLY
GENERALS,
SAAKE.**



**BE VERY
CAREFUL...**

**GATHERING
INTELLIGENCE
IN ENEMY
TERRITORY
IS NOT TO
BE TAKEN
LIGHTLY**



**...FIND THE
WEAKEST
PERSON YOU
CAN AND BEAT
THE INFO OUT
OF HIM!!!**

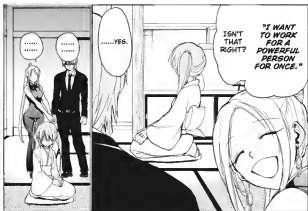
**I'M ON
THE CASE,
GRANDMA!**

**きゅん！
きゅん！
きゅん！**

79. YOU ARE VERY RUDE FOR A HANZOU











...GOING
TO FIND
THAT
OUT...



AND IF
I'M...



...AND
BEAT THE
INFO OUT
OF HIM!

I NEED TO
FIND THE
WEAKEST
PERSON I
CAN...















YOU'LL NEED
TO TELL YOUR
FATHER AND
HANZOU-KUN
AS WELL...

IS THIS
"ANCIENT POWER"...
WHAT CAUSED
FATHER AND HANZOU
TO ABANDON
THE FAMILY...?



THIS IS
BAD...THE
OTHERS
NEED TO
KNOW.



I HEARD
THEM
WHISPERING TO ONE
ANOTHER
TWO NIGHTS
AGO...

A PAIR
OF TOTAL
COWARDS,
THEY ARE.



HEH-HEH!
THOSE
TWO? FAT
CHANCE!



ALL
ABOUT
"HOW TO
LIVE IN
PEACE
WITHOUT
TAKING
PART IN
THE WAR"
OR SOME-
THING...







AND I AM
WITH HER! I
WILL BE AT
HER SIDE, NO
MATTER WHAT
TERRIBLE
FOES MAY
AWAIT US!

.....
.....



I CANNOT
BREAK
NEE-SAN'S
WILL TO
FIGHT, EVEN
AT YOUR
REQUEST.

I
CANNOT
DO THAT.



HUH...?



...WHEN I
CLUNG TO
THOSE SAME
PLATITUDES,
MY BOX...

THERE
WAS A
TIME...



SHE WAS
COURAGEOUS
AND
FEROCIOUS
AND WAS
SKILLED WITH
THE BLADE —
A LADY
WARRIOR UN-
PARALLELED
IN MIYAMOTO
HISTORY

...WAS A
STRONG-
WILLED
WOMAN.

IROHA'S
MOTHER...



AND
THEN...

...I FELT
AS THOUGH
I WAS HER
PROTECTOR
OF SORTS.

AND AS
THE MAN
CLOSEST
TO HER...

I WAS
DRUNK
ON HER.
I WOR-
SHIPPED
HER.



I WAS
UNABLE TO
PROTECT
HER.

...FIFTEEN
YEARS AGO,
BEFORE
INUZUKA AND
KUZURUYUKI
JOINED
FORCES...

...SHE
DIED...

PROTECT
HER? I
COULD
HAVE DONE
NO SUCH
THING.

...AND
SQUABBLES
BETWEEN
EAST AND
WEST WERE
COMMON...



.....
.....

DON'T
YOU
SEE?

THERE WAS
NO WAY I
COULD HAVE
SAVED HER
FROM FOES
THAT OVER-
POWERED
HER.



I WAS HER
SUBORDINATE.
I WAS WEAKER
THAN SHE
WAS...



AND
SUCCESS-
FULLY
PROTECTED
IROHA FROM
THOSE WHO
ARE
STRONGER
THAN HER?

AND
FOUGHT
TO THE
END OF
YOUR
VERY
LIFE?

GIVEN
EVERY
QUINCE!?
OF
YOUR
BODY
AND
SOUL!?

HAVE
YOU!?

DO YOU
HAVE THE
CONFIDENCE
TO PROTECT
HER?

DO YOU
HAVE THE
STRENGTH
TO PROTECT
HER!?

YOU DO
NOT!!!



...THEN
I DO NOT
WANT YOU
AROUND
HER...

IF YOUR
SELFISH
MOTIVES
WILL ONLY
DRIVE MY
DAUGHTER
TO HER
DEATH...

"I"...
WHAT?





HEY.

I...



I
HEARD
THE
STORY.



NEE-
SAN...

.....
.....



...SO
WEAK...

I AM...



.....
.....

...I COULD
NEVER
BE YOUR
SHIELD...

...EVEN
RISKING
MY LIFE
FOR
YOU...

EVEN
WITH A
SWORD
IN MY
HAND...

.....
.....

JUST BY
BEING AT
MY SIDE...

I
DON'T
WANT
YOU
TO BE
THAT.

SHIELD?

IF YOU
WOULD
GRANT
ME JUST
ONE
MORE
CHANCE
...

...YOU
MAKE ME
STRON-
GER.







APPARENTLY
I'VE BEEN
WORRYING MY
FATHER SICK
WITHOUT
REALIZING...

I DON'T
REMEMBER
ANYTHING
ABOUT MY
MOTHER.



WHO'S
THAT?

THE ONE
TSUYOSHI
MENTIONED.

SO WE
NEED TO
GET OUR
HANDS ON THIS
"POWER."

M...NEE-
SAN...

IS
ON IT

WAS
ON IT

TRUE, IT IS
MADNESS
TO ATTACK
TENTEN
KOGANEI
IN THIS
POWERLESS
STATE...



O
O
O
H!!

I'M THINKING
WE SHOULD
GET OUR HANDS
ON THAT AND
BOOST OUR OWN
ABILITIES.

ANCIENT
POWER

APPARENTLY
THE ENEMY
HAS A
SPECIAL
"ANCIENT
POWER"
THING UP
THEIR SLEEVE
THAT WILL
HELP THEM
COMPETE
WITH US.



HUH?

HORSE
MANK.

NOW
GET HIM
OUT OF
OUR
HAIR...

WELL,
IT'S A
GOOD
THING
TSU-
YOSHI'S
AN IDOT.

DIDN'T
THINK IT WAS
IMPORTANT
ENOUGH.

HAH

SO YOU
DIDN'T REPORT
HANZOU AND
FATHER'S
CONVERSATION
TO TENTEN?



AND I'LL
TELL THE
OTHERS
ABOUT
THE PLOT.

WE'RE
GOING TO
SNEAK INTO
THE ENEMY'S
CAMP AND
SEEK OUT
THIS
"ANCIENT
POWER."



LET'S
TAKE
CARE OF
THIS.



MOMOKO-
CHAN AND
INUZUKA-
KUN...

ABSO-
LUTELY.



...WON'T
BE DYING
ON MY
WATCH!



*FROM THE
OUTSIDE...*

*FROM THE
INSIDE...*

*...WE WILL
CRUMBLE
THE ENEMY'S
PLOT INTO
RUIN!!*



すもももも

80. BREAKDOWN

地上最強のヨメ



MIKURISA.

WHAT DID
YOU DO TO
MATOBA?



...BECAUSE
THEY ARE
CONCERNED
OVER THE
FUTURE OF
THE MARRIAGE
THAT HOLDS
OUR ALLIANCE
TOGETHER?

PER-
HAPS
THEY
ARE
AVOID-
ING
YOU...

WHA...
WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

TELL
ME WHY
SONEDA
AND MINOWA
REFUSE TO
GIVE ME
STRAIGHT
ANSWERS.



HOW
DARE
YOU?

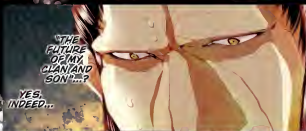
...THAT
KOUHI-
KUN IS A
MARTIAL
ARTIST
WITHOUT
COMMAND
OF THE
ARTS...

I
MUST
TELL
SENDA-
YU-
SAN...

I WILL
HAVE TO
BEGIN
DISCUS-
SIONS.

...I
CANNOT
VERY
WELL
LOOK THE
OTHER
WAY.

IF
KOUHI-
KUN IS
CAUSING
DISCORD
AMONG THE
TWELVE
CLANS...





LIKE THE
ZOO...

...OR A
ROMANTIC
SHRINE!

UHHMM, BUT
K-KOUSHI-
DONO IS EVER
SO KIND AND
THOUGHTFUL.
HE T-TAKES
ME ON
D-DATES
AT EVERY
OPPORTUNITY!



CHIT?

A-ANYWAY,
MY POINT
IS, OUR
RELATION-
SHIP
IS JUST
FINE!

AND
THE
THEME
PARK!
THAT
WAS
ME.

SHINER, STUDIO CASTLE-CRUSSEET KOSHIN-DONO



...A
MOMENT
OF WEAK-
NESS...

THAT
WAS...



THEN
WHAT IS
THIS?



...AND...

...SONEDA?

MIKI-
HISA...









HOSTAGE?
...?



UNKEN-SAN HAS
TAKEN
MEMBERS
OF OUR
CLAN
HOSTAGE.



WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THE
SONEDA
VILLAGE
WAS
UNKEN-SAN'S
WORK!

BUT
IT'S TRUE!

PREPOS-
TEROUS!
UNKEN IS
NOT THAT
KIND OF
MAN!



HE
CLAIMED
HE WOULD
KILL OUR
KIN IF WE
TOLD YOU
OF THIS...



I'M
AFRAID
THAT
UNKEN-SAN
LED
THE
ASSAULT
ON THE
VILLAGE...
...TO
KEEP THE
SONEDA
QUIET
ABOUT
THIS
DREA/OFUL
SECRET.



WE'VE
GOTTEN
WORD
THAT YOU
ARRANGED
A
LITTLE SOME-
THING AT THE
VILLAGE OF
SONEDA!



USHIGOME,
UNOU AND
MINOWA
HAVE BEEN
SIMILARLY
THREATENED.

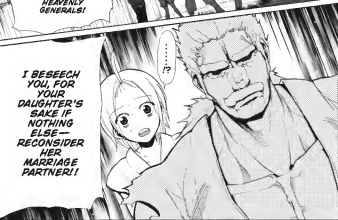
THINK!
HAVE YOU
NOT NOTICED
ANYTHING
AMISS IN
THEIR
ACTIONS
LATELY?!

"IF YOU
SELL OUT
MY SON, I
WILL KILL
YOURS,"
HE SAID...

AND
MY SON IS
CRITICALLY
WOUNDED,
NEVER
TO FIGHT
AGAIN...



UNKEN-SAN
THINKS OF
NOTHING BUT
SEEING HIS SON
PLACED AT THE
HEAD OF
THE TWELVE
HEAVENLY
GENERALS!



I BESEECH
YOU, FOR
YOUR
DAUGHTER'S
SAKE IF
NOTHING
ELSE—
RECONSIDER
HER
MARRIAGE
PARTNER!!

.....
?



UNKEN-
SAN...
TOLD ME...





"ONCE MY
SON GETS AN
HEIR OUT OF
THAT KUZURYUU
GIRL, THE
WORLD WILL
FINALLY BE
MINE"...







I WILL TELL HIM
OF KIKUBAKI-KIN'S
INCOMPETENCE.



.....
.....
.....
.....



...IT'S
TRUE...



**YOU
SCUM
!!!**

**UN-
KEN
!!**









THAT
COWARDLY,
SULKING BOY
HAS CHANGED
IN THE SPAN
OF A FEW
MONTHS...

MOMOKO
HAS
CHANGED
HIM FOR THE
BETTER.



HE HAS
BEGUN TO
BATTLE HIS
WEAKNESS.

HE HAS
BEGUN TO
STRUGGLE
TOWARD
STRENGTH.

I PLACE ALL
OF MY HOPES
UPON HIS
DEVELOPMENT
...!!



I WOULD
DO ANYTHING
TO SUPPORT
THE TWELVE
CLANS!

I
WILL TAKE
WHATEVER
MEASURES
NECESSARY
TO CORRECT
MY FALSE-
HOOD!

PLEASE
UNDER-
STAND,
SENDA-
YU!!

**PLEASE
ALLOW KOUISHI
TO REMAIN
WITH MOMOKO
JUST A LITTLE
LONGER!**



**I DO NOT
NEED THE
INUZUKA
CLAN'S
POSITION AS
HEAD OF THE
EASTERN
ARMY!**



**I CARE
NOT FOR
MY OWN
FATE!**

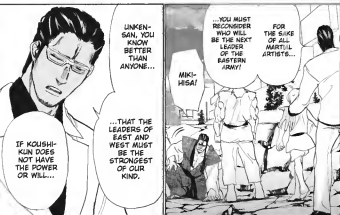


**I WILL
MAKE
KOUSHI
WORTHY
OF THE
TWELVE
GENER-
ALS...**

**GIVE
US TIME,
FATHER
AND
SON!!**



**WORTHY
OF YOU
AND YOUR
DAUGH-
TER...
A PROUD
AND
MIGHTY
MAN!!**





...FOR
THE SAKE
OF PEACE
FOR ALL.

YŪSUKE
UNDER-
TOOK THIS
PERSONAL
ESCORT
DUTY...



...?!

HE
HAS BEEN
GUARDING
KOUSHI-
KUN...
...AND
MOMOKO-
SAN...



...THEN
I NOMINATE
YŪSUKE FOR
THE NEXT
HEAD OF THE
EASTERN
ARMY.



TO
CONTINUE
FIGHT-
ING FOR
YOUR
ENTIRE
LIFE.

TO
BE THE
STRON-
GEST OF
ALL THE
MARTIAL
ARTISTS.

YOUR
FATHER IS
PLACING
A MANTLE
UPON
YOU.



THE
FUTURE
LEADER,
YŪSUKE.



INDEED...



*I AM
PREPARED
FOR THAT.*

*I WAS
BORN A
MARTIAL
ARTIST.*



MEAN-
ING...



YOU
CAN'T...



!?

WE WILL
REDETERMINE
THE FUTURE
LEADER OF
THE EAST
BEFORE
THEIR
EYES.

MIKIHISA,
BRING
ALL THE
CONCERNED
CLANS
TOGETHER.



WE
CANNOT
REASON-
ABLY
PROTEST,
LINKEN.

*IT'S
BEEN
THIS WAY
SINCE
WE WERE
BORN.*

**...MUST
HAVE A
DUEL!**

**KOUSHI AND
YUUSUKE...**



81. A REASON FOR MARTIAL ARTS











SAKE, BERRY (SHAKING) BERRY





...ONLY THE
ENLIGHTENED
MEMBERS
KNEW OF
WHAT IS IN
THIS BOOK.

AND
EVEN
AMONG
THE
SHIKAGO
CLAN
ITSELF...

ONLY
GEKKOU
BOSATSU
AND I
KNOW THE
DETAILS
WITHIN.

THIS IS A
SHOCKING
TRUTH
THAT HAS
NEVER
BEEN
REVEALED
BEFORE.



SO,
WHAT
DO YOU
SAY?



HOW...
HOW
COULD
YOU
HAVE
DONE
SUCH A
THING?!



...NOT
TO HAVE
THAT BOOK
AROUND.

IT
WOULD
BE
BETTER
...

**AHH!!
THE
SECRET
MANU-
SCRIPT
!!!**





**LISTEN
CLOSELY!
THE ACTI-
VATION OF
KOUSHI'S
ART IS AS
THAT BOOK
SAYS...**

**HMPH...
WELL, AT
LEAST YOU
UNDERSTAND
THE SITU-
ATION...**



**...YOU
MUST TEACH
HIM HOW TO
GO ABOUT
DEVELOPING
IT...**

**...WITHOUT
LETTING
HIM KNOW
A THING!**







SO MANY
KIDS, SO
MANY
PERSON-
ALITIES...



...AND
THEY'RE
ALL
WORKING
FOR THEIR
OWN
REASONS...



OKAY, TIME
TO START
THE MIDDLE
SCHOOL
APTITUDE
TEST!



NOW
BEGIN!





...AND
MORE LIKE
WARFARE...

THIS
SEEMS...
LESS
LIKE A
TEST...







THEN I
COULD LIVE
A NORMAL
LIFE...

**STOP
!!!!**













IS HE
IN A
GOOD
MOOD?



...BUT
I WAS
WRONG.

I
THOUGHT
HE WASN'T
A BAD
PERSON...



WHAT
WAS THE
PURPOSE
OF THIS
ACT?

TENGA-
GANA...

SPIN: 20 (CONTINUED)



I'LL
NEVER
BE LIKE
HIM!



HE'S A
CRUEL
MAN,
DRIVEN
INSANE
FOR THE
SAKE
OF HIS
MARTIAL
ARTS!



...KOUISHI
INUZUKA-
DON?

YOU
ARE...





...WITH
MARTIAL
ARTIST
BLOOD...

WE MAY
BOTH BE
BORN...

NO, I
SUPPOSE
YOU
WOULDN'T
UNDER-
STAND
THEM.



...THAT THE
THINGS WE
ENJOYED
WERE NOT
QUITE THE
SAME.

...BUT
I'VE
ALWAYS
FELT...



...YOU
WERE
INCRED-
IBLY...
BORING
...

IN
FACT,
I'VE
ALWAYS
FELT...



...YOU'LL
ENJOY
TODAY.

BUT I
SIN-
CERELY
HOPE...





CHAPTER 81: A REASON FOR MATRIAL ARTS - END



SUMOMOMO, MOMOMO



I HAVE A
FEELING
YOU WILL
LIKE HIM,
TENGA-NIL

THIS IS
YUUSUKE
ENDOU-KUN
OF THE
EASTERN
ARMY'S
ANTERA-
RYU
SCHOOL.

82. YUUSUKE ENDOU VS. TENGA KOGANEI



...ALTHOUGH
I MUST ADMIT
I'VE NO CLUE
WHAT YOU
FOUND SO
FUN ABOUT
IT...

AS WORTHY
CHALLENGERS
EVENTUALLY
DRIED UP, YOU
BECAME MORE
AND MORE
FRUSTRATED...



YOU'VE
ALWAYS
APPRECIATED
THE OPPOR-
TUNITY TO
FIGHT THE
POWERFUL.



THERE
IS NO
"FUN" IN
MARTIAL
ARTS...
OR ANY
OTHER
EMOTION
FOR THAT
MATTER.



.....
.....

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU,
YUJI-
KUN?

IF
ANYTHING, I
DERIVE MORE
ENJOYMENT
FROM PICKING
APART THE
WEAK.



.....?



AND IF
IT WILL
BENEFIT
MY CLAN,
I'M
DOING
MY
JOB.

TO
FIGHT
IS MY
DUTY.













AND NOW
THIS BOY
COMES TO
INTERFERE...



...TO
OBSERVE
THAT SKILL
JUST A BIT
LONGER...

I
WOULD
HAVE
LIKED...







THOSE
MANSION,
IN THE OLD
MOUNTAINS



WHAT IS
THIS...!?



WHY IS
GRANDMA
BEING HELD
CAPTIVE!?















A DUEL
TO DETER-
MINE THE
LEADER
OF THE
EASTERN
ARMY?



INDEED.

"...EACH
SIDE
MUST BE
LED
BY ITS
STRON-
GEST
MEMBER
AT ALL
TIMES.

"FOR
EAST
AND
WEST
TO
MAINTAIN
THEIR
BAL-
ANCE
...
"



PER-
HAPS.

WILL
YOU DO
US THE
HONOR
AGAIN?

YOU STOOD
IN AS WITNESS
IN THE PAST,
WHEN MATOBA
AND INOUE
MADE THEIR
CHALLENGES.

WHO
IS OUR
NEW
WAR-
RIOR?

"THEREFORE,
IF ANY MAN
SHOULD THINK
HIMSELF
WORTHY, HE
IS ENTITLED
TO A DUEL."

ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT?



HA-HA.
I AM EM-
BARRASSED
TO ADMIT IT
IS MY OWN
SON.



YOU HAVEN'T
SHOWN YOUR
TAIL, BUT I AM
WELL AWARE
OF YOUR
INVOLVEMENT
IN THAT
RECENT
INCIDENT WITH
KOGANEI.

HMPH.
YOUR
SON WILL
NEVER
BE NEXT
IN LINE
TO RULE
THE
EASTERN
ARMY.



THAT
WON'T
BE A
PROBLEM.
WE HAVE
ALREADY
FOUND
KOSHU-
KUN.

!?



AT ANY
RATE, WE
SHALL
HOLD THIS
DUEL SOME-
TIME IN
THE NEAR
FUTURE...

OH,
BUT I'M
AFRAID
KOSHU
HAS GONE
MISSING.

I MUST
MAKE
THINGS
AMBIG-
UOUS.

HO-HO-HO



BY
THE WAY,
NIKKOU-
SAMA...





**...HAS THE
POWER OR
THE RIGHT
TO BE A
MARTIAL
ARTIST?**

**DO YOU
REALLY
THINK
KOUISHI-
KUN...**



**IF
HE DOES,
THEN HE
WILL HAVE
TO PROVE
IT TO
EVERYONE
TODAY...**

**WHAT...?
HOW MUCH
DOES HE
KNOW!?**

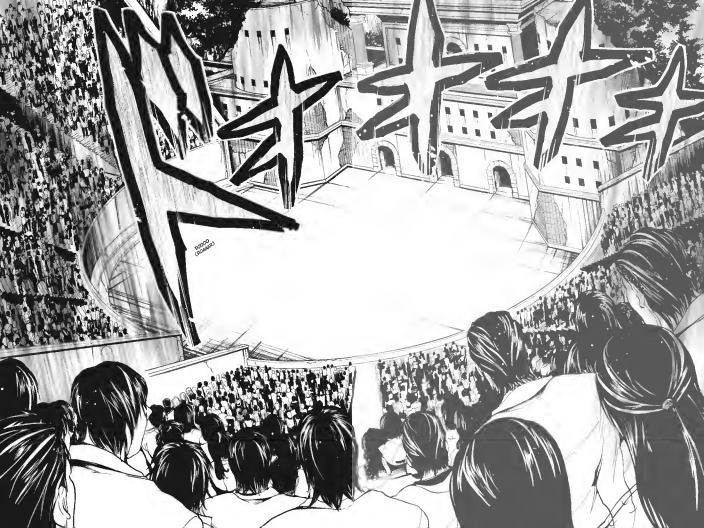
!!

**"EVERY-
ONE"!?**



**M-MY
GOOD-
NESS!**





EDDD
OGAMMO



THERE ARE NINE
CLANS PRESENT:
ENDO, SONEDA,
USHIGOME,
KOGANEI, UNOU,
MIYAMOTO,
MINOWA, MATOBA,
AND INOUE.



AND THIS
FISSURE
THAT
THREATENS
THE TWELVE
HEAVENLY
GENERALS...

WE, THE
ASSEMBLED,
HAVE VOICED
OUR DOUBTS
ABOUT THE
WORTHINESS
OF KOSHII
INUZUKA-
DONG, FUTURE
LEADER OF
THE EASTERN
ARMY!



...
NIKKOU-
SAMA!!

...
CANNOT
REMAIN
AMBIG-
UOUS...



FOR THE
FUTURE
OF ALL
MARTIAL
ARTISTS...







TO MISREPRESENT
ONE'S STRENGTH
IS A TERRIBLE
CRIME!

THIS MAN MUST
BE THE STRONGEST
AMONG US!



THE NAME...

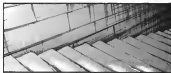
THINK OF THE
BLOOD OF YOUR
CLAN...

THE
PRIDE...



AND
DO NOT
STAND
FOR A
FALSE
KING!!!









...THE
PARTICULARS
OF THE DUEL
ARE IRON-
CLAD LAW...

THE
PROBLEM
IS...

THAT MAN
HAS SOME
NEFARIOUS
PURPOSE IN
MIND, IT IS
CLEAR...

THIS
DUEL WAS
CLEARLY
PLANNED
OUT AGES
AGO...

HE HAS
BEEN
MOST
SCRUPU-
LOUS!



IF THE
"LAW" THAT
MAINTAINS
THE BALANCE
OF POWER
BETWEEN
THE TWELVE
HEAVENLY
GENERALS IS
FOUND TO BE
BROKEN...

YOU
SAW THE
BLOOD-
SHOT EYES
OF ALL
THOSE
MARTIAL
ARTISTS
IN THE
ARENA.

BOTH EAST AND
WEST MUST BE
LED BY THEIR
STRONGEST
MEMBERS. AND
THE DUEL IS THE
MEANS BY WHICH
WE DETERMINE
THOSE ROLES!



...THERE
WILL BE
A WAR.





KOUSHI

...FOR-
GIVE
ME.



IT MAY
MEAN
A LIFE
SPENT
ON THE
RUN...

...BUT IT
IS BETTER
THAN BEING
SLAUGH-
TERED
HERE...



...I
WOULD
WISH
THAT
YOU
HAD
BEEN
BORN...

IF I
COULD
MAKE
IT SO...

...TO A
NORMAL
FAMILY...



I AM
SORRY
THAT YOU
HAD TO BE
BORN TO
A FATHER
LIKE ME.



AND I
AGREE
WITH
THEM
NOW.

THAT'S
WHAT THE
OTHERS
WOULD
SAY.



THEY'RE
ALL HERE
TO WATCH,
AREN'T
THEY?

HUH?

THE
"OTHERS"
...?



HEY,
DON'T
CRY!

IT'S
CREEPY.

















**BE-
GIN
!!!**



THIS DUEL
WAS CLEARLY
PLANNED OUT
AGES AGO.

SO YOU
TRANSFERRED
TO MY
SCHOOL
FOR THE
PURPOSE OF
FIGHTING
ME.

...THE
REASON
YOU WERE
SO MAD!

NOW I
FINALLY
UNDER-
STAND...







KOUSHI IS
NO LONGER
HELD BACK
BY SHINO'S
MYRIAD
SEAL.

HE HAS THE
STAMINA HE
NEEDS.

KOUSHI
FINALLY
POSSESSES
WHAT IS
NECESSARY
TO USE
MARTIAL
ARTS!



THEIR
INNATE BATTLE
SKILLS ARE
FAR, FAR
INFERIOR TO
THOSE OF
INUZUKAI!

AND THE
ENDOU CLAN
HAS ALWAYS
BEEN THE
"BRAIN" OF
THE TWELVE
HEAVENLY
GENERALS.



...IS FOR
KOUSHI TO
SOMEHOW
AWAKEN...

ALL
THAT'S
LEFT...

MAIN
ENDOU
MANSION

...THE
ANCIENT
POWER OF
HIS INUZUKA
AND SHIKAGO
HERITAGE!!

I
NEED TO
FIND THE
WAY...

...TO
BRING
BACK THE
ANCIENT
POWER...

KOGANEI
VILLAGE
MAIN
MANSION

...AND
GET IT TO
INUZUKA-
KUN!



**WE JUST
HAVE TO
MAKE IT
IN TIME
...!!**



SUMEMOMO! MOMOMO!



REFUSAL
TICKET



REFUSAL
TICKET



REFUSAL
TICKET



REFUSAL
TICKET



REFUSAL
TICKET



REFUSAL
TICKET



SEX TICKET
(NORMAL)



SEX TICKET
(NORMAL)



SEX TICKET
(ABNORMAL)



ALL-DAY DATE
TICKET



GOING TO SCHOOL
HAND-IN-HAND
TICKET



MATCHING
OUTFITS
TICKET

THE STRONGEST OMAKE ON EARTH: "MOMOKO THE SEX SWINDLER"

TODAY
IS MY
BIRTHDAY.

KOUISHI-
DONO,
KOUISHI-
DONO.

**TIRED OF
KOUSHI'S
BLANKET
REFUSALS,
MOMOKO
DEVISES A
NEW, MORE
FORCEFUL
METHOD!!**

I THOUGHT
NOT, WHICH
IS WHY I
PREPARED A
PRESENT FOR
MYSELF...

MAWA.

YOU
HAVEN'T
GOTTEN
ANYTHING
FOR ME,
HAVE YOU?

MAWA.

ALL YOU
NEED TO DO
IS ADD YOUR
THUMBPRINT.

M
M
M
M
...

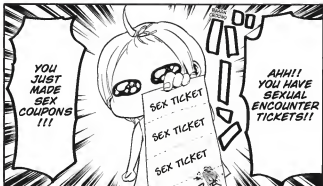
HEY
IS
THAT
GOOD
ENOUGH?

MAWA.

HERE.
RIGHT
HERE.

**THUMB-
PRINT!?**

HUHI?



**YOU
JUST
MADE
SEX
COUPONS
!!!**

**AHH!!
YOU HAVE
SEXUAL
ENCOUNTER
TICKETS!!**



**AND
BREAKING
THIS SACRED
CONTRACT
WOULD BE
A TERRIBLE
MOVE FOR
A MAN
ATTEMPTING
TO GET
INTO LAW,
WOULDN'T
IT...?**

**THESE ARE THE
TICKETS OF MY
DREAMS—A PIECE
OF PAPER THAT
GUARANTEES
YOUR LOVE.**



**NOW IT'S
OFFICIAL....?
WHERE DID
SHE LEARN
TO BE SO
DEVILISH?**

**NYO
HO
HO
HO!**

AT THE TIME I
THOUGHT IT WAS
CUTE THAT SHE
HAD FINALLY
AWAKENED TO
THE ITCH TO
LEARN...

**BUT I WAS
WRONG!**



I GUESS
THAT'S WHAT
SHE'S BEEN
SNEAKING
INTO MY
STUDY TO
DO.



I DOUBT
THIS TIME
WILL BE ANY
DIFFERENT.

...BUT
SHE'S
NEVER
DONE
SO BY
FORCE.

SHE'S
DEMANDED
SEX
FROM ME
BEFORE...

BUT
THEN
AGAIN...
I BET
IT'LL BE
FINE.



SEX TICKET



OH, CRAP...
**SHE'S DEAD
SERIOUS!!**



WAIT,
THERE'S
SOMETHING
WE NEED TO
DO FIRST.

WELL,
KOUSHI-
DONO...?



I NEED
TO COME
UP WITH A
PLAN!

I'M IN
"DANGER"
TONIGHT.



OUR
FATHERS
HAVE
ALREADY
AGREED
TO IT.

ALL
WE NEED
IS YOUR
THUMB-
PRINT TO
SEAL THE
DEAL!



YES,
HERE'S
THE
CONSENT
FORM.

IS
THAT
TRUE?

...THE LAW
REQUIRES THE
CONSENT OF
A PARENT OR
GUARDIAN ON
BOTH SIDES.

FOR
MINORS
LIKE US TO
ENGAGE
IN SEXUAL
ACTIVITY...



...AND...
IF YOU'LL
TRULY
ACCEPT ME
FOR WHO
I AM...!!



I DON'T
WANT
THERE TO
BE ANY
COERCION
HERE. I
WANT TO
KNOW
YOUR TRUE
FEELINGS...



THAT'S
RIGHT
...

AND
THEN...
WE WILL
FINALLY
BE ONE?



O
H H



THEN
I NEED
YOUR
PRINT
RIGHT
HERE!!



MWA-
HA-HA!
YOU FELL
FOR IT,
SUCKER!!

WHAAT?
!!

WITH
P L E A S U R R R E !!



PLAY SOCCER WITH NI-CHAN TICKET	THREE HOURS OF GIRL GAMES IN ONE DAY TICKET	ONE MANLY PUNCH TICKET
SAY "YOU'RE THE BEST, NI-CHAN" TICKET	ALL-YOU-CAN-WATCH LATE NIGHT ANIME TICKET	ONE MANLY FRIENDSHIP THROUGH FISTS TICKET
SAY "OH MY GOD, NI-CHAN IS SUPER-SUPER AWESOME!" TICKET	FIVE DVD RENTALS IN ONE MONTH TICKET	ONE MANLY FRIENDSHIP IN THE SWIMSTICK TICKET
DON'T PRETEND NI-CHAN IS A STRANGER IN FRONT OF YOUR FRIENDS TICKET	ONE TRIP FOR TWO TO MATH-N-HA LAMP TICKET	ONE MANLY WASHING EACH OTHERS' BACKS TICKET

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